

Community Corps and provide financial assistance under subtitle E of title I, \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(4) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) *IN GENERAL.*—There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this Act, including financial assistance under sections 126(a) and 196B, \$51,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) *CORPORATION.*—Of the amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year—

“(i) up to 69 percent shall be made available to the Corporation for the administration of this Act, including to provide financial assistance under section 196B; and

“(ii) the remainder shall be available to provide financial assistance under section 126(a).

“(5) *TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—Of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under subtitles B, C, and H of title I of this Act and under titles I and II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, the Corporation shall reserve up to 2.5 percent to carry out subtitle J of this Act. Notwithstanding subsection (b), amounts so reserved shall be available only for the fiscal year for which they are reserved.

“(b) *AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.”

TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

SEC. 2001. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of a provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a provision of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

Subtitle A—Amendments to Title I (National Volunteer Antipoverty Programs)

SEC. 2101. PURPOSE.

Section 2 (42 U.S.C. 4950) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “both young and older citizens” and inserting “citizens of all ages and backgrounds”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “local agencies” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “local agencies, expand relationships with, and support for, the efforts of civic, community, and educational organizations, and utilize the energy, innovative spirit, experience, and skills of all Americans.”

SEC. 2102. PURPOSE OF THE VISTA PROGRAM.

Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 4951) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence, by striking “affected with” and inserting “affected by”; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking “local level” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “local level, to support efforts by local agencies and organizations to achieve long-term sustainability of projects, consistent with section 186 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, initiated or expanded under the VISTA program activities, and to strengthen local agencies and community organizations to carry out the purpose of this part.”

SEC. 2103. APPLICATIONS.

Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “American Samoa,”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “handicapped” and inserting “disabled”; and

(ii) by striking “handicaps” and inserting “disabilities”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “jobless, the hungry, and low-income” and inserting “unemployed, the hungry, and low-income”;

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking “prevention, education,” and inserting “through prevention, education, rehabilitation, and treatment,”;

(E) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, mental illness,” after “including”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(H) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(8) in the re-entry and re-integration of formerly incarcerated youth and adults into society, including life skills training, employment training, counseling, educational training, and educational counseling;

“(9) in developing and carrying out financial literacy, financial planning, budgeting, savings, and reputable credit accessibility programs in low-income communities, including those programs which educate on financing home ownership and higher education;

“(10) in initiating and supporting before-school and after-school programs servicing children in low-income communities that may engage participants in mentoring relationships, tutoring, life skills, or study skills programs, service-learning, physical, nutrition, and health education programs, including programs aimed at fighting childhood obesity, and other activities addressing the needs of the community’s children;

“(11) in establishing and supporting community economic development initiatives, including micro-enterprises, with a priority on such programs in rural areas and other areas where such programs are needed most;

“(12) in assisting veterans and their families through establishing or augmenting programs which assist such persons with access to legal assistance, health care (including mental health), employment counseling or training, education counseling or training, affordable housing, and other support services; and

“(13) in addressing the health and wellness of low-income and underserved communities, including programs to increase access to preventive services, insurance, and health care.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “recruitment and placement procedures” and inserting “recruitment and placement procedures that involve sponsoring organizations and”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “central information system that shall, on request, promptly provide” and inserting “database that provides”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by striking “timely and effective” and inserting “timely and cost-effective”; and

(II) by striking “the recruitment of volunteers” and inserting “recruitment and management of volunteers”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the following: “The Director shall give priority to—

“(A) disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) and low-income adults; and

“(B) retired adults of any profession, but with an emphasis on those professions whose services and training are most needed in a community, such as the health care professions, teaching, counseling, and engineering and other professions requiring a high level of technical and project management skills, to utilize their experience, including professional skills, in the VISTA program.”;

(D) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “information system” and inserting “database”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C)” and inserting “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C), sponsoring organizations, and the Office of Outreach and Recruitment”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “the Internet and related technologies,” after “television,”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “Internet and related technologies,” after “through the”;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after “senior citizens organizations,” the following: “offices of economic development, State employment security agencies, employment offices,”;

(v) in subparagraph (F), by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”; and

(vi) in subparagraph (G), by striking “, on request,”;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “this subsection” and inserting “this subsection and related public awareness and recruitment activities under the national service laws and through the Office of Outreach and Recruitment”; and

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking “Beginning” and all that follows through “for the purpose” and inserting “For the purpose”; and

(ii) by striking “1.5 percent” and inserting “2 percent”;

(4) by amending the second sentence of subsection (d) to read as follows: “Whenever feasible, such efforts shall be coordinated with an appropriate local workforce investment board established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.”;

(5) in subsection (g) by striking “and has been submitted to the Governor” and all that follows and inserting a period; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) The Director may enter into agreements under which public and private nonprofit organizations, with sufficient financial capacity and size, pay for all or a portion of the costs of supporting the service of volunteers under this title, consistent with the provisions of section 186 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”

SEC. 2104. VISTA PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Part A of title I is amended by inserting after section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) the following:

“SEC. 103A. VISTA PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

“(a) *IN GENERAL.*—With not less than one-third of the funds made available under subsection (d) in each fiscal year, the Director shall make grants for VISTA positions to support programs of national significance. Each program for which a grant is received under this subsection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements applicable to that program.

“(b) *ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.*—The Director shall make grants under subsection (a) to support one or more of the following programs to address problems that concern low-income and rural communities in the Nation:

“(1) In developing and carrying out financial literacy, financial planning, budgeting, savings, and reputable credit accessibility programs in low-income communities, including those programs which educate on financing home ownership and higher education.

“(2) In initiating and supporting before-school and after-school programs in low-income communities that may include such activities as establishing mentoring relationships, physical education, tutoring, instruction in 21st century thinking skills, life skills, and study skills, community service, service-learning, nutrition and health education, and other activities aimed at keeping children, safe, educated, and healthy, which serve the children in such community.

“(3) In establishing and supporting community economic development initiatives, including micro-enterprises, with a priority on such programs in rural areas and areas where such programs are needed most.

“(4) In assisting veterans and their families through establishing or augmenting programs which assist such persons with access to legal assistance, health care (including mental health), employment counseling or training, education counseling or training, affordable housing, and other support services.